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In re Application of:
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For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS
FOR REGULATING FAS-ASSOCIATED
APOPTOSIS

DECISION ON PETITION

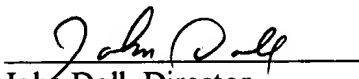
This is a decision on the petition, filed April 7, 1997, to withdraw the holding of abandonment. Note, the petition is being treated under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.181.

On July 22, 1996, a non-final Office action was mailed to applicants. On March 21, 1997, a Notice of Abandonment was mailed to applicants. On April 7, 1997, the present petition was filed.

Petitioner asserted that on January 21, 1997 applicants did respond to the July 22, 1996 Office action in the form of an amendment, a petition for a three month extension of time, and the appropriate extension fee. The petition was accompanied by a copy of the amendment and the post card receipt as proof that the amendment was received by the Office on January 21, 1997. It is also noted that a review of the file revealed that the originally filed papers were present therein.

From this it is clear that applicants did properly and timely respond to the July 22, 1996 Office action and, accordingly, the petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment is hereby **GRANTED**. The application has been returned to pending status and forwarded to the examiner for appropriate action in a timely manner.

PETITION GRANTED.


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